

Mississippi Baptist Convention, 1977

**Mission: Reaching Out
With All Boldness**

November 15-17
First Baptist Church, Jackson

Suggested Order of Business

TUESDAY MORNING IN OUR VISION

8:50 Instrumental Praise	Accompanists
9:00 Convention Call to Order	Robert Hamblin
9:05 A Call to Boldness	
Congregational Praise	Dick Robertson
Scripture	Allen Stephens
Prayer	Joel Ray
Music	Bill and Martha Bacon
9:25 Organization of Convention	
Recognition and Seating of Messengers	
Report of Committee on Order of Business	Clark McMurray
Welcome to Jackson	
9:40 Music	Harrisburg Church Choir
9:55 President's Address	Robert Hamblin
10:25 Congregational Praise	Dick Robertson
10:30 Introduction of New Workers	Earl Kelly
Pastors	
Staff Members	
Directors of Student Work	
Directors of Missions	
Southern Baptist Chaplains	
11:00 Music	Woodville Heights Church Choir
Scripture and Prayer	Zeno Wells
Solo	Raymond Ball
Convention Sermon	Carl Savell
11:45 Benediction	David Hall

TUESDAY AFTERNOON IN OUR MINISTRY

1:20 Instrumental Praise	Accompanists
1:30 A Call to Minister	
Congregational Praise	Leon Bedsole
Scripture	Pat Nowell
Prayer	Emmitt Boone
Music	Barbara Steveson
1:50 Bible Treasure	Jerry Vardaman
2:05 Business Period	
Election of Officers	
Report of Committee on Committees	
Resolutions Presented and Referred	
Report of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws	
3:00 Congregational Praise	Leon Bedsole
Panel Presentation	James Hurt
Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists	Dick Brogan
Cooperative Missions Department	Foy Rogers
Evangelism Department	Roy Collum
The Baptist Record	Donald McGregor
Brotherhood	Paul Harrell
3:45 Presentation of 1978 Budget	
3:55 Election of Officers	
Miscellaneous Business	
4:10 Music	Senior Singers
4:15 Message	Bob Jones, Dir., Hattiesburg
4:45 Benediction	David Morgan

TUESDAY EVENING IN OUR FELLOWSHIP

6:50 Instrumental Praise	Accompanists
7:00 A Call to Fellowship	
Congregational Praise	Billy Vaughan
Scripture	Bob Self
Prayer	Howard Taylor
Music	Barbara Butler
7:15 Bible Treasure	Jerry Vardaman
7:30 Congregational Praise	Billy Vaughan
7:35 State Missions Emphasis	Earl Kelly
Message	Porter Routh
9:00 Benediction	Joe H. Rotcliff

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Book Needs Surface Over Entire World

The Brotherhood Department is sponsoring a program to collect a minimum of 75,000 books for distribution throughout the world to pastors, churches, institutions, and other places where Christian reading and Bible help material is not available, or is available in limited quantities.

For example, a request for books has come from the Virgin Islands Baptist Mission, Clarence Heddington, president: "We plan to establish a Bible school on the island of St. Thomas. We need some good textbooks on what Baptists believe, history of Baptists, or other books of that nature. We could use any books, either new or used, particularly commentaries."

Books are needed in India. Owen Cooper, chairman of the Steering Committee of the "Books for Christian Service" project, said "I feel that at least two libraries will be established in India as a result of books we collect in our special Mississippi drive."

An article in *The Statesman*, a newspaper published in India, reported a sharp rise in the sale of Russian books in India. "The sale of books by Russian authors translated into Indian languages has gone up nearly 20 times since the inception of the translation programme about ten years ago," the article revealed. This would be a reason for establishing Christian libraries there.

In Mississippi, the BSU of the Northeast Junior College wants to establish a library. They need books.

Books needed are Bible commentaries, Bible study books, Bible history, books for children, biographies, old Sunday School commentaries, Bibles, philosophy, mystery, wholesome fiction, books on Christian living.

Each church is challenged to give at least one book per family. The books are to be delivered to Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson, Monday night, Nov. 14, or to First Baptist Church, Jackson, Nov. 15.

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Tax Credit Bill

Private Schools May Get Nearly \$5 Billion In 1980

By W. Barry Garrett
WASHINGTON (BP) — Forty-three United States Senators are sponsoring a massive tax credit bill to aid private school education from the elementary grades through college at a loss to the U. S. Treasury of \$4.7 billion from the 1980 U. S. budget.

Announcement of the plan to try to break through the Constitutional bottleneck for public aid to private schools, including church related education, was made at a joint press conference by Senators Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.) and Bob Packwood (R-Ore.).

This bi-partisan team, joined by 41 other co-sponsors, introduced the Tuition Tax Credit Act of 1977, in an attempt to bail out of financial trouble the 14,000 private grammar schools, 3,700 private high schools and 1,500 private colleges and universities. Hearings on this proposal have been promised for January 1978 by the Senate Finance Committee, 12 of whose 18 members are co-sponsors of the new bill. Sen. Russell B. Long (D-La.) is chairman of the committee.

There are nine tax credit bills pending before the House Committee on Ways and Means, where tax legislation normally originates. Rep. Al Ullman (D-Ore.) is chairman of this committee. A committee staff member reports that these bills may be up for discussion when President

Carter's tax reform package reaches the committee on October 3.

The Moynihan-Packwood plan would provide 50 percent of tuition payments up to \$500 for an income tax credit for a taxpayer for each student for whom he pays private school tuition. For low income taxpayers the credit will be "refundable," that is, if he is entitled to a tax credit greater than the amount of his income tax bill, the difference will be refunded to him in cash.

In announcing the proposal, Moynihan vehemently attacked those who interpret the First Amendment as prohibiting tax aid to Catholic and other church-related schools. He also assailed the U. S. Supreme Court for its series of decisions since 1947 prohibiting as unconstitutional the use of tax funds for the support of church-related private education. He described this view of the Constitution as anti-Catholic bigotry.

The relevant part of the First Amendment says: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

Moynihan said, "There can be only one explanation of why it is thought that these words prevent public aid to nonpublic schools. It is only because most Americans no longer have the foggiest idea what an establishment of religion is that they can be persuaded

that the words of the First Amendment mean more than they say."

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs of which James E. Wood, Jr., is executive director, and other defenders of the constitutional principle of separation of church and state have a different view from that expressed by Sen. Moynihan.

Americans United for Separation of Church and State executive director, Andrew Leigh Gunn, declared the bill would be unwise and irresponsible. "If the federal government can afford to put an extra \$6 billion into education, it should go to public institutions serving students of all faiths," Americans United is opposed to public funding of all sectarian education.

In 1972 John W. Baker, director of research services for the Baptist Joint Committee, testified before the House Committee on Ways and Means on tax

credit proposals to aid private schools. He said that such proposals are "contrary to the traditional American principle of religious liberty and the constitutional separation of church and state."

"In effect," Baker continued, "such public aid to religious education would require that taxpayers of all religions — or of no religion — make up the deficit in federal income lost through these tax credits by paying higher taxes."

Later the Baptist Joint Committee itself sustained the view of its staff by saying that the use of public funds for religious education is a coerced participation of the taxpayer in a religious program. The committee explained, "Baptist beliefs in religious liberty have led them to oppose all forms of coercion in reference to religious be-

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Brotherhood Rally Focuses On Ministry

All Baptist men in the state are invited to a Brotherhood Rally, Monday, Nov. 14, at Jackson's Broadmoor Baptist Church.

The rally will kick off with a banquet at 5:30 p.m. featuring Armando Silverio, a humorist from St. Augustine, Fla., and the Morrison Heights Ladies' Washboard Band, which hails from Clinton.

Silverio is a Southern Baptist missionary to Italians. Speakers for the conference, which begins at 7:30 that evening, include Jimmy Allen, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Bill Clemmons, consultant for the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, and Gene Hendrix, minister of education for First Church, Clinton.

Theme of the rally is "Focus on Ministry." This is in connection with a "Bold Challenge" emphasis of the state Brotherhood Department which is encouraging that "every church adopt at least one mission ministry project in 1978," and "every association adopt at least one out-of-state mission ministry project in 1978."

Mississippi College Seminar To Trace King Tut's Roots

The Mississippi College Division of Continuing Education will sponsor a seminar entitled "Tracing King Tut's Roots" on Tuesday, October 11, from 7 until 9 p.m. in the Leland Speed Library Media Center on the college campus.

Walter Howell, professor of history at the college and a Ph.D. recipient from the University of Georgia where one of his areas of study was ancient history, will lead the seminar.

The lecture will delve into such



Allen



Clemmons

tion adopt at least one out-of-state mission ministry project in 1978."

The banquet tickets are \$3 per person, sold through the Brotherhood Department office on a first come, first served, basis. Seating for the banquet is limited to slightly over 500. Write, including amount for total of tickets requested to: Paul Harrell, director, Brotherhood Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

For the conference, Jimmy Allen will speak on "A Bold Ministry." Pastor of First Church, San Antonio, Tex., Allen was elected to the presidency of the SBC in June of this year.

Clemmons will speak on "A Bold Challenge," and Hendrix will speak on "A Bold Response."

areas as the political climate in Egypt at the time of Tut's succession, the religious controversy that was raging between the worshippers of Aten and the Amen-Ra priesthood, the possible association of the biblical Exodus with the Aten controversy, and the methods the Egyptians employed when burying a pharaoh.

Howell will also attempt to identify Tutankhamun's family "roots" and historical background.

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Gain, Loss Stats Argue For Knowledge Of Other Religions

ATLANTA (BP) — Eight out of 10 persons who joined Southern Baptist churches from other faiths in 1976 were from other mainline Protestant denominations, according to a Southern Baptist Home Mission Board survey.

Southern Baptists received nearly 39,000 persons from other religious groups and lost 46,000 to other faiths. About nine out of 10 leaving Southern Baptist churches affiliated with mainline Protestant denominations.

An almost even trade occurred between mainline Protestant denominations and Southern Baptists, according to Clay Price, Home Mission Board research assistant.

Southern Baptists gained four times

as many members from Catholic churches as they lost and 12 times as many members from non-Christian world religions. However, Price said, about twice as many were lost to small Christian sect groups as were received.

Glenn Igleheart, director of the board's interfaith witness department, explained: "We have always thought the majority of movement was between mainline Protestant denominations, but previously did not have statistics to prove it."

Price emphasized, "The key to this survey is that one out of every three Southern Baptist churches experience gain and loss to other faiths. This is one argument for church members' be-

coming aware of other religions.

"Generally, the established areas of the Southern Baptist Convention lose more members to other faiths than they gain in newer pioneer areas," Price said. "However, Southern Baptists gain more than they lose," overall, Price said.

The board's sample included a survey of 1,420 churches which had reported gains and/or losses of five or more members on the Uniform Church Letter compiled by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. Earlier statistics told how many persons changed from one religion to another but did not specify which religion and why.

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Joint Evangelism Plans Take Shape

A group of black and white Mississippi Baptists met last week in Jackson to begin formulation of a plan to conduct a joint evangelistic campaign over the next year and a half.

The group elected as co-chairmen for the effort Richard Porter, standing left, president of the East Mississippi Missionary Baptist Convention and pastor of Owens Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Columbia, and Earl Kelly, standing right, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Plans set thus far include joint black and white regional evangelism training classes, followed by a mass joint kickoff rally in Jackson in March of 1979, then the holding of simultaneous revivals in black and white Baptist churches all over the state in April of 1979.

In Grenada County

Interfaith Awareness Grows As Mormons Visit

By Tim Nicholas

Grenada County Baptist Association sponsored an interfaith witness awareness conference, Sept. 26 and 27. One of the religions which was studied was the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormons). In the class were 21 Baptists and three Mormons.

The Baptists came to learn a bit of the history and beliefs and practices of Mormons, the Mormons came to hear what Baptists had to say about them.

Whyte requested correction on some of the fine points in the religion and the three graciously gave it during the evening. At the end of the two hour session, led by Lloyd Whyte, area director for the Home Mission Board's Interfaith Witness Department, one of the Mormons told Whyte, "You were very fair."

Whyte told the group that to have an effective witness to Mormons, or any other religion "a Baptist needs to be saved, have a ready testimony as to

what Jesus means to you, and know what your church stands for and why."

He said Baptists take pride in being "speedy," when they can say, "I got rid of that Mormon in 20 seconds." Instead, said Whyte, "we are under orders to witness the gospel to all people," particularly people who come to the door already wanting to talk about God.

Whyte, stationed in Miami serving ten states in interfaith witness, later said that though Mormons have thus far refused to join in open dialogue with Southern Baptists, they are coming in increasing numbers to such awareness conferences as the one in Grenada.

The two evening conferences offered participants a choice of study in two out of three religions: Mormons, the Unification Church, and Jehovah's witnesses. Other speakers besides Whyte were: Kate Ellen Gruver and Billy Mitchell, both of the Home Mission Board's interfaith witness department. The conference was held at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Grenada.

Associational and area-wide Baptist groups wishing to hold interfaith witness awareness conferences, may contact the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.



Whyte

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WEDNESDAY MORNING
...IN OUR MISSIONS

8:30 Instrumental Praise	Accompanists
9:00 A Call to Missions	
Congregational Praise	Milton Burd
Scripture	Felix Greer
Prayer	Curtis Miller
Music	Curtis and Marilyn Brewer
9:20 Reading of Minutes	
9:25 Report of Committees	
Nominations	
Time, Place, Preacher	
9:35 Bible Treasure	Jerry Vardaman
9:50 Panel Presentation	Joe Tuten
Mississippi Baptist Seminary	T. B. Brown
Broad of Ministerial Education	Cliff Estes
Education Commission	Joe Tuten
Blue Mountain College	E. Harold Fisher
Clark College	S. L. Harris
Mississippi College	Lewis Smith
William Carey College	J. Ralph Noonkester
10:40 Congregational Praise	Milton Burd
10:45 Convention Board Report	Gene Triggs
Adoption of Budget	
11:10 Music	"The Villagers"
	Baptist Children's Village Choir
11:15 Message	William Tanner
11:45 Benediction	Frank Harmon

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON
...IN OUR CITIZENSHIP

2:15 Instrumental Praise	Accompanists
2:25 A Call to Involvement	
Congregational Praise	Jerry Talley
Scripture	Maurice Flowers
Prayer	George Meadows
Music	Mike Smith
2:45 Bible Treasure	Jerry Vardaman
3:00 Miscellaneous Business	
3:15 Panel Presentation	Raymond Lloyd
Christian Action Commission	J. Clark Hensley
Church-Minister Relations	Clifton Perkins
Church Music	Dan Hall
Church Training	Kermit King
Stewardship	John Alexander
Sunday School	Bryant Cummings
3:55 Congregational Praise	Jerry Talley
4:00 Music	Mary Lou Lott
4:05 Message	Foy Valentine
4:35 Benediction	D. J. Benson

WEDNESDAY EVENING
...IN OUR PROCLAMATION

6:50 Instrumental Praise	Accompanists
7:00 A Call to Proclaim	
Congregational Praise	Larry Andrews
Scripture	Joe Ratcliff
Prayer	Bobby Thompson
Music	William Carey Choir
7:20 Bible Treasure	Jerry Vardaman
7:35 Woman's Missionary Union Report	Marjean Patterson
8:00 Recognition of Missionaries	
Foreign	James Richardson
Home	Charles Myers
Chaplain	William Clark
8:10 Congregational Praise	Larry Andrews
8:15 Choral Praise	William Carey Choir
8:25 Message	James L. Sullivan
8:55 Benediction	A. J. Pace

(Reception honoring missionaries and chaplains — Baptist Building immediately following evening session.)

THURSDAY MORNING
...IN OUR COMMISSION

8:50 Instrumental Praise	Accompanists
9:00 A Call to Witness	
Congregational Praise	Bob Jones
Scripture	David Merritt
Prayer	Noland Mapp
Music	Clarke College Choir
9:20 Reading of Minutes	
9:30 Memorial Service	Clifton Perkins
9:35 Report of Committee on Resolutions	
9:50 Bible Treasure	Jerry Vardaman
10:05 Congregational Praise	Bob Jones
10:10 Panel Presentation	Mrs. Larry Otis
Annuity Board	W. R. Roberts
Baptist Children's Village	Paul Nunery
Baptist Foundation	Harold Kitchings
Baptist Memorial Hospital	Robert Scates
Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission	D. R. Rosch
Mississippi Baptist Medical Center	Paul Pryor
Student Work Department	Ralph Winders
10:55 Choral Praise	Clarke College Choir
11:05 Message	Grady Cothen
11:35 Benediction	Kelly Damper

Instrumental Praise

Chief Catholic Charities' Budget Source Is Tax Dollar

NEW YORK (RNS) — The government is the largest single source of income for Catholic Charities.

Federal and state grants in 1976 amounted to \$142,428,954, or 45 percent of the total receipts of local agencies and institutions reporting to the National Conference of Catholic Charities (NCCC).

Church funds, including almost \$11 million in investment income, totaled \$62.8 million, or 20 per cent, of the \$318,085,151 received last year for a broad range of social programs. Total 1976 expenditures topped \$336 million.

Catholic Charities figures do not include hospitals, schools, the Campaign for Human Development or parish service.

Only certain types of programs get government funds, the 1976 annual report of NCCC points out. "Government funds are such a high percentage," the report says, "because some institu-

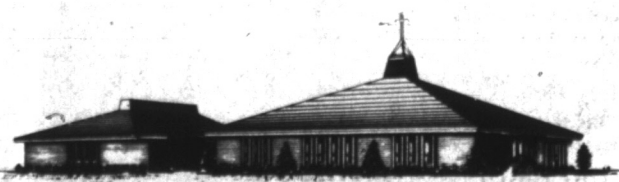
tional programs for the elderly and some for children are highly dependent on government funds. . . . Community based service agencies tend to have much lower percentage of government funds and more diversified income sources."

Still, a trend toward greater reliance on government money is of deep concern to Catholic Charities leaders. In taking office as president of NCCC at its 63rd annual meeting here, Father Donald F. Dunn of Denver said that

one of the pressing issues before the organization is "how to keep our Catholic identity when we are proprietors of government funds."

The annual report itself states: "Many have theorized that government funds tend to decrease autonomy and the Catholic hospitals are experiencing this reality. Our present data shows there can be a positive relation, but we do not yet know at what level government, or any other funds, begin to impede autonomy."

Longview Heights Church Observes 50th Anniversary On Two Sundays



Longview Heights Church

The Longview Heights Baptist Church was organized on October 11, 1927 in Memphis, Tenn. In 1970 the group moved from South Memphis to its present location on Goodman Road, in DeSoto County, Mississippi.

The observance of the 50th anniversary will be celebrated on two consecutive Sundays. The first day is Sunday, October 9th. On this day two young men from Longview will preach: Jim Rosenkrans in the morning and Robert McCarver in the evening. The afternoon program will consist of an Open House from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall, to which the public is invited.

The second observance is Sunday, October 16th. This is the annual homecoming day and dinner on the ground. A special program regarding the history will be presented during the morning worship hour. An evening program of song and praise will be presented at 7:00 p.m. A special historical museum depicting some of the history will be open on each Sunday of the observance.

A special invitation is extended by Armond D. Taylor, pastor, to all members, former members, sister churches, fellow Christians, and friends, to share this special occasion with them.

Catholic, Private Educators Press For More Federal Aid

WASHINGTON (BP) — Private school and Roman Catholic educators boldly pushed for "full partnership" in the nation's educational program during hearings before the House Subcommittee on Elementary, Secondary, and Vocational Education here.

At the same time, the National Coalition for Public Education and Religious Liberty (PEARL) asked the Congress to provide public funds for public programs only. The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs is a member of this group.

U. S. Rep. Carl D. Perkins (D-Ky.), a Baptist, is chairman of the subcommittee as well as of the full Committee on Education and Labor. U. S. Rep. Michael T. Blouin (D-Ia.), a Roman Catholic, presided at the hearing at which only the United States Catholic Conference, the Council for American Private Education (CAPE) and PEARL testified. Hearings on other days were held for spokesmen for public school interests.

The hearings were for the purpose of recommending legislation for the extension and revision of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), which was the first major breakthrough for federal aid to education. ESEA has been amended several times before.

Patrick Farrell, the U. S. Catholic Bishops' representative for elementary and secondary schools, told the subcommittee that "We would be very supportive" of efforts by Congress to eliminate bottlenecks that "inhibit the services being provided to children."

"However," Farrell hastened to say, "our support must be conditioned by our concern that any changes of this nature would have to include adequate provisions for the effective participation on an equitable basis of nonpublic school children in all federal education programs."

Robert L. Lamborn, executive director of the Council for American Private Education (CAPE), fully endorsed all of the testimony and recommendations of the Catholic Educators and added some of his own. Specifically CAPE recommended:

(1) Equitable participation of students in private schools in all federal pre-college programs; (2) Full partnership of private and public school educators in establishing policy, developing legislation, drafting regulations, and in monitoring and evaluating programs in all areas that relate to private schools and their students; (3) Creation of specialist offices in the U. S. Office of Education to be filled by people who have had extensive experience in private schools; and (4) Legislation and supporting regulations relating to private schools, with particular attention to procedures to deal with "impediments imposed by constitutional constraints."

Joanne T. Goldsmith, executive director of the National Coalition for Public Education and Religious Liberty, appealed to the Congress to follow the U. S. Constitution "which speaks to the basic right of all Americans to practice religion without government involvement and interference."

The PEARL spokeswoman told the

subcommittee that "the great majority of Americans firmly oppose the use of government funds to help finance religiously affiliated schools." She then said, "We express the hope that you will give full hearing and consideration to our point of view before taking action in this sensitive area."

Goldsmith reviewed a long series of Supreme Court decisions relating to "parochialism" and said that PEARL is opposed to all public funding of private schools and all unconstitutional financial support of religion.

She warned that public funding for private and religious schools would inevitably lead to public regulation of

such schools and that this would be bad both for religion and for government.

Further, Goldsmith charged, "The often heard view that a way must be found, somehow or other, to finance sectarian schools should be seen as what it is — an attack on the Bill of Rights." She further charged, "those who make such statements are saying, in effect, that the guarantees of the Bill of Rights may be circumvented whenever the demand for circumvention rises to a high enough level to make public officials uncomfortable. None of our constitutional rights would survive if this cynical approach were accepted."

SBC President Endorses National Day Of Prayer

WASHINGTON (BP) — Jimmy R. Allen, president of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), has joined the leaders of 11 other major religious groups in endorsing a congressional resolution calling for a national day of thanksgiving, prayer, and praise.

U. S. Sen. James B. Allen (D-Ala.) introduced the resolution which asks President Jimmy Carter to designate December 15, 1977, as "National Day of Prayer for the Year 1977." This date was chosen because it marks the 200th anniversary of the first day of Thanksgiving proclaimed by the Continental Congress. That day celebrated the victory of the Colonial Army over the British at Saratoga, a victory which has been called the turning point in the American Revolution.

"What better day is there than the day of America's First Thanksgiving to be proclaimed as our 1977 national day of prayer?" Senator Allen asked. "The date is already historic, patriotic, and sacred in the life of our country."

Endorsement of the resolution also came from leaders of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the United Methodist Church, the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., the Lutheran Church in America, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, the Synagogue Council of America, the Islamic Center of Washington, the Buddhist Churches of America, and the United National Meditation Group.

Nearly \$5 Billion In 1980

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lief and practice."

Moynihan refused to assert that the Supreme Court might now hold that the tax credit plan for aid to private church-related education is constitutional. He did say, however, that "The bill we are introducing today provides all three branches of government with a fresh opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to the quality and well-being of all our schools, private as well as public."

In addition to Moynihan and Packwood, the co-sponsoring Senators are: James B. Allen (D-Ala.), Wendell Anderson (D-Minn.), Lloyd Bentsen (D-Tex.), Howard Cannon (D-Nev.), Carl T. Curtis (R-Neb.), John Danforth (R-Mo.), Dennis Deconcini (D-Ariz.), Robert Dole (R-Kan.), Pete V. Domenici (R-N.M.), John A. Durkin (D-N.H.), Jake Garn

(R-Utah), Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.), Mike Gravel (D-Ark.), Robert Griffin (R-Mich.), Clifford P. Hansen (R-Wyo.), Orrin G. Hatch (R-Utah), William Hathaway (D-Me.), S. I. Hayakawa (R-Cal.), H. John Heinz (R-Pa.), Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.), J. Bennett Johnston (D-La.), Paul Laxalt (R-Nev.), Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), Richard Lugar (R-Ind.), Charles Mathias (R-Md.), James McClure (R-Id.), John Melcher (D-Mont.), Gaylord Nelson (D-Wis.), James Pearson (R-Kan.), Jennings Randolph (D-W.V.), Abraham Ribicoff (D-Conn.), Harrison Schmitt (R-N.M.), Richard Schweiker (R-Pa.), John Sparkman (D-Ala.), Ted Stevens (R-Ark.), Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.), John Tower (R-Tex.), Malcolm Wallop (R-Wyo.), Milton Young (R-N.D.), Edward Zorinsky (D-Neb.).

BOLD BELIEVERS IN GIVING



Through a Ministering Church

FAMILY PRAYER EMPHASIS FOR SUPPORT OF MISSIONS During Cooperative Program Month in October

Families praying together greatly strengthen a ministering church and its support of missions through the Cooperative Program.

Use this guide as a family prayer reminder. Read aloud the prayer suggestions for each day of the week at mealtime or whenever your family is together that day. Ask family members to mention other matters of prayer. Pray together for the people and ministries suggested below and by your family members.

Sunday, October 23—FAMILY

Support of Christian ministries begins with the individual and the family. Discuss the ministries your church is already involved in. Name other areas in which you could be of service. Decide how your family can best minister where you are. Remember the importance of the financial support which you can provide. Pray—that each family member will better understand the need for his individual support and will commit himself anew to the task of sharing Jesus Christ with the world both personally and financially.

Monday, October 24—CHURCH

Jesus established the church to be his ministering agent here on earth. Church staff members and elected church leaders bear a heavy responsibility as they seek to understand God's will in leading the church to perform ministries. Your church budget reflects the church's commitment to these ministries. Pray—for your church staff members by name; for the elected leaders in your church; for the church members to be faithful in support of church ministries.

Tuesday, October 25—ASSOCIATION

Mission activities beyond the local church begin with the association. This fellowship of churches strengthens the ministries of all and enables each to share proportionately in personal and financial support. Pray—for your associational director of missions and other staff members by name; for the elected association leadership; for your church to envision the bold mission thrust that would be possible through an increase in personal and financial support.

Wednesday, October 26—STATE

Your state convention is one of thirty-three state Baptist conventions. Its ministries are supported through the Cooperative Program. As your church gives a percentage of its budget through the Cooperative Program, you are having a daily part in all of the ministries within your state convention. Think about it every day you share in training leaders in Sunday School work, church training ministries, evangelism, missions, and countless other mission areas. Pray—for your state executive secretary and the other leaders in your state Baptist convention office; for the ministries being performed; for those within your state who are being ministered to through your Cooperative Program support and prayer support.

Thursday, October 27—YOUTH

Ministering to students is another area of work supported through the Cooperative Program in your state convention. This is true both on the campuses of our Baptist colleges and through Baptist Student Unions on other campuses. The lives of countless young people may be guided into areas of Christian service during these formative years through this ministry. Pray—for these and other ministries supported through your Cooperative Program gifts to your state convention; for the churches in your state to increase financial support.

Friday, October 28—HOME

Our thirty-three state conventions join together to form the Southern Baptist Convention. Again this enables us to reach out together as we could not possibly do alone. The ministries of our Home Mission Board are supported through your Cooperative Program gifts. One of our approximately 2,300 home missionaries is Curtis Ballard who lives in Eagle Butte, South Dakota, and works among the Indians. Pray—for the leadership of our Home Mission Board; for the Ballard family and our other home missionaries.

Saturday, October 29—FOREIGN

Bert and Violet Cockburn are two of our missionaries in Madrid, Spain. The Cockburns represent 2,500 missionaries appointed overseas by our Foreign Mission Board. We support their ministries as we vote each year to increase the percentage of our church budget for Cooperative Program causes. Pray—for Bert and Violet Cockburn and our other foreign missionaries; for those to whom we are ministering; for the leadership of our Foreign Mission Board.

Sunday, October 30—COMMITMENT

Today is Church Commitment Day for increased Cooperative Program support through the Southern Baptist Convention. Churches will be making a specific commitment to the financial support of missions around the world through the church budget. Missions, Christian education, leadership training, evangelism, and countless other ministries in your own church, association, state convention, and throughout the world depend upon your prayers and financial support. Pray—that your church will catch a vision of bold trust in mission support; for your church to increase its giving through the Cooperative Program.

Montreal, Canada — A Consultation on World Evangelization will be held in January 1980, members of the Executive Committee of the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization (LCWE) decided at a meeting held here. The 1980 consultation is seen as a gathering both to assess progress since the 1974 Congress on World Evangelization in Lausanne, Switzerland, and to set post-1980 strategies for world evangelization. The week-long Montreal meeting, held at a suburban retreat centre, decided that the consultation should be held in a third-world city, possibly Nairobi, Kenya, or Singapore. The meeting will last a minimum of 10 days. Approximately 450 participants, selected on a worldwide regional basis, will attend the 1980 gathering.

New Church Training Directors Will Meet

Equipping new church training directors to plan and conduct an effective Church Training Program is the purpose of a series of conferences scheduled October 24-27.

Planned specifically for newly elected Church Training directors, these conferences will be led by two

members of the department staff and a special worker of the department. These are Kermit S. King, department director; Norman A. Rodgers, adult consultant; and Bill Watson, minister of education at Morrison Heights Baptist Church, Clinton.

Host churches for the conferences on Monday, October 24, are First, Biloxi; Immanuel, Greenwood; and First, Senatobia. On Tuesday, October 25, conferences are scheduled for Easthaven, Brookhaven; First, Yazoo City; and Oakland, Corinth. The final three conferences on Thursday, October 27, are at West Laurel, Laurel; Calvary, Louisville; and West Heights, Pontotoc.

King said that while these conferences are scheduled at the most appropriate time for such training, they come at the least appropriate time for communicating with the target group. Pastors and other church leaders are thus encouraged to communicate information regarding these meetings to persons who should attend.

Conferences begin in each location at 7:00 p.m.



New Association Building

Some 250 persons of Covington and Jeff Davis associations attended a pastors and deacons and their wives conference at the newly completed associational office building belonging to both associations. It was the first meeting to be held in the new building located almost on the line between the two counties. The top photo shows the building as the crowd began to assemble. In the bottom photo are John Barnes III, left, pastor of Antioch Church, Prentiss, and moderator of Jeff Davis Association; Foy Killingsworth, center, pastor of First Church, Mt. Olive, and moderator of Covington Association; and L. B. Atchison, director of missions for the two associations. Speakers for the conference were Mrs. Carl Nelson of Pelahatchie, Reuben Herring of Nashville, and Leon Emery of Jackson.

Baptists Aid Kansas City Flood Victims

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP) — Baptist relief efforts are underway here following the devastating flash flooding which inflicted death and destruction in mid September.

The Missouri Baptist Convention, using \$5,000 of its own money and another \$5,000 from the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, wired \$10,000 to the Metro Southern Baptist Mission Board, Inc., here to provide help for both Baptists and non-Baptists.

Local Baptist churches, not affected by the flood, have also conducted disaster relief efforts of their own, which have included collecting funds for distribution and providing food and shelter.

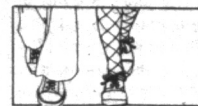
The flooding killed at least two Baptists and damaged at least eight Baptist churches, according to early reports. Paul Lambert, executive director of the Kansas City Baptist Association,

estimated \$2.5 million in damage to the membership of Baptist churches, although the estimate is based on fragmentary information.

Leroy Negley, 15, a member of Calvary Baptist Church, and Paul Cutler, 65, a member of New Haven Baptist Church, both died in the flood.

The most severely hit church, according to a report in the *Word and Way*, Missouri Baptist newspaper, was Leeds Baptist Church. All of the church's educational space was submerged. No exact estimates of damage are available. Varying degrees of damage was done to the other churches.

Lambert said relief funds were already running short and said anyone wishing to contribute to the effort may send it to the Metro Southern Baptist Mission Board, Suite 310, 910 Pennsylvania, Kansas City, Mo. 64105.



Growing Pains

Now is the time for interested readers to send in questions for the proposed Baptist Record feature, "Growing Pains."

The feature will offer answers to questions submitted by readers concerning "the growing up years." The column, with questions answered by staff members of The Baptist Children's Village, is expected to begin on a trial basis.

Each question will be considered for use in the *Baptist Record* and no names will be published in the paper. However, if the reader wishes to include his or her name and address, the Village staffers will return a personal answer should the Record be unable to print that reply.

The two Village staffers who will handle the answers are fully qualified to do so. The two are Mrs. Claire Nowlin, director of social service at the Village, and Karl McGraw, administrative assistant.

Mrs. Nowlin is a native of Brandon and a graduate of Millsaps College with a degree in sociology and a master's degree in Social work from Louisiana State University. McGraw, an ordained Baptist Minister, is a native of Centerville and a graduate of Mississippi College. He became certified in child care training at schools of social work at the University of Texas and the University of North Carolina.

Baptist Children's Village Superintendent, Paul Nunnery, said that though these two will assume responsibility for answering the questions, they will confer with other qualified persons from the Village staff and members of its consulting firm of psychologists when necessary.

Anyone having questions concerning growing up or parenting, please write Baptist Record, Attn: Growing Pains, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

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Dissident Baptists Beaten In Clash With USSR Police

MOSCOW (RNS) — The Christian Committee for the Defense of Believers' Rights here has reported that 300 policemen and KGB security men recently fought a six-hour battle with Baptist dissidents in the town of Bryansk, 220 miles southwest of Moscow.

According to the report, the trouble began on Aug. 28, when police told the Baptists that their new prayer house was being taken over by local authorities. For two days, 62 Baptists staged a fast inside the building.

On Aug. 30, police and KGB men moved in with truncheons and fire hoses after unsuccessfully trying to drive the Baptists outside with smoke. Other Baptists came to the scene, and the Committee reported that about 150 Baptists were beaten in the clash that followed.

Newsbriefs In The



World Of Religion

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — A proposal to tax churches and other non-profit agencies is among a series of recommendations being prepared for submission to the Washington City Council by a District of Columbia citizens' advisory commission. Under the proposal, such institutions as churches, museums, schools and libraries would have to pay the city 10 percent of what they would pay if they were taxed like other properties.

Cleveland, Tenn. (RNS) — Young people of the Church of God (Cleveland, Tenn.) from across the nation have raised more than \$479,000 to build a Bible school in Seoul, South Korea.

Durham, N. C. (RNS) — Southern Baptist-related Wake Forest University here has censored portions of a travel brochure mailed to alumni that refer to the availability of alcoholic beverages on a trip to South America. Five sections of the brochure describing a trip planned for alumni and friends were blacked out. The brochure was prepared for a trip that

will include groups other than Wake Forest alumni.

Nassau, Bahamas — Timothy Stewart and Andrew Stewart were presented for ordination as ministers of the gospel by their mother, Lavana Stewart, pastor of Mt. Zion Native Baptist Church here. Michael C. Symonette, superintendent of St. John's Native Baptist Society and Executive Secretary of the Bahamas National Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, performed the ordination ceremony, after preaching the ordination sermon. The two brothers are students in the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, Tenn. Lavana Stewart became pastor of Mt. Zion Church founded by her husband, in August 1970, after his death.

New York (RNS) — In its first policy statement in history on U.S. taxation, the National Conference of Catholic Charities called here for more equitable distribution of gross national product and wealth.

Zambia Crusade Goes On Despite Curfew, Blackout

By Jim Newton

LUSAKA, Zambia (BP) — Despite a curfew and blackout that warned of the possibility of war between Zambia and Rhodesia, Baptists in Zambia moved ahead with a three-week, nationwide evangelistic crusade in September involving all of the 80 Baptist churches and mission points in Zambia.

Leading the evangelistic crusade was a team composed of 15 preachers, one layman and two musicians from the United States, plus five African preachers from nearby Malawi and Kenya and from Nigeria. Twelve of the 18 Americans came from churches in the Chattanooga, Tenn., area, and three others were pastors of black Baptist churches in the U. S.

A cloud of uncertainty engulfed the first few days of the simultaneous revivals after Zambia President Kenneth Kaunda imposed a curfew and blackout from 8 p.m. until 5 a.m. daily in four major cities just two days before the revivals were slated to begin. A few days later, President Kaunda announced that the curfew would continue indefinitely.

The blackout decree came four days after reports of a Rhodesian bombing raid on a Zambian border town located at the triangle where the Zambia, Rhodesia and Mozambique borders meet. Kaunda said he feared similar

bombing attacks on the capital city of Lusaka and other cities near the Rhodesian border.

When the lights went out on Sept. 3, Zambia Baptists, missionaries and the 23 visiting evangelists prayed by candlelight that the curfew would not hinder and deter the crusade.

The next day, Sunday, 103 Baptist churches in the Hamilton County Baptist Association (Chattanooga area) observed a day of prayer for the Zambia crusade and the 12 team members from Chattanooga.

MC Seminar

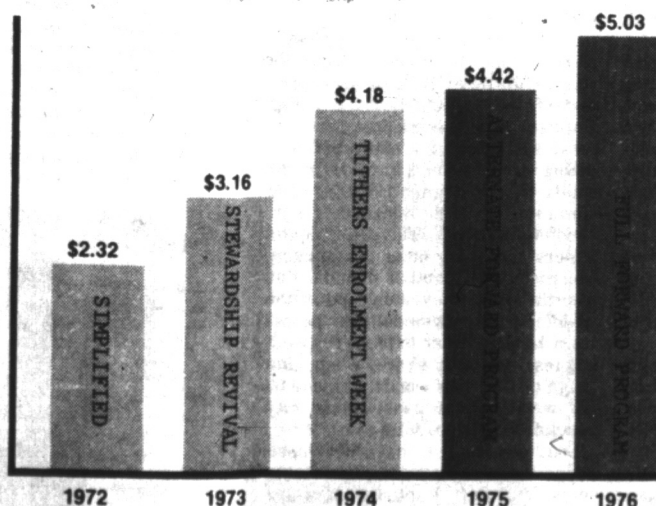
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Following the lecture, a video tape will be shown on the subject, narrated by Orson Wells.

The cost for the seminar will be \$2.00 and may be paid at the door. For further information, contact Irene Shurden, Office of Continuing Education, Mississippi College, 39058.

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — David du Plessis, a leader of the charismatic renewal movement and founder of the Pentecostal World Conferences, says he feels "certain the Lord does not intend that there be one charismatic church or denomination."

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Highland, Senatobia, Dedicates Sanctuary

Members of Highland Church, Senatobia, recently dedicated their new 250-seat, \$95,000 sanctuary. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was guest speaker.

The church, constituted three years ago with 29 members, has been meeting in a mobile chapel. The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board gave financial assistance in buying the land.

Trustees and Building Committee members were Raymond Waldrop, chairman; Tracy Buford, Harrell Smith, Joe Murphree, Sammy Wilbanks, Thomas Murphree, Mrs. Sammy Wilbanks, John Bryant, and Mrs. Ralph Kahlor.

During the dedication service Joe Wilson presented special music. Mrs. Raymond Waldrop gave the church history. Others on program were Claude Howe, pastor; Roy Myers, Mt. Zion pastor; and John Flowers, pastor at First, Senatobia. Lunch was served in the new converted fellowship hall.

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Editorials

Bold Mission Thrust . . .

"A Full Head Of Steam"

This week Southern Baptists have officially launched the boldest plan for witnessing to the world that we have ever attempted. It is called, fittingly enough, Bold Mission Thrust.

Perhaps it would not be amiss to note at this point that two years ago Mississippi Baptists launched a concept which we call A Decade of Advance. The Decade of Advance objectives are broader than those of Bold Mission Thrust, but included in the Decade of Advance aspirations are hopes of accomplishments that fit as a hand in a glove with the concept set forth in Bold Mission Thrust. This is to make an evangelistic witness available for every person in the world by the end of the century.

Bold Mission Thrust is an undertaking of gigantic proportions, and it is somewhat confusing as one begins to sort out the pieces in order to begin implementation. Let us not get bogged down in intricate planning, which is absolutely necessary, but as we plan may we keep our eyes on the ultimate goal of making a Christian witness available for every lost person in the world.

The Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, during its meeting last month, established guidelines and laid plans which should make implementation easier. The movement had been described earlier as a train with a full head of steam and no track to run on. The track has not all been fully laid out yet, but it is beginning to be put into place. The primary ingredients needed at this time are enthusiasm and commitment. There are many details to be ironed out, but if we wait until every spike is in place to get excited about the possibilities, we may get discouraged and miss the train altogether when it gets under way. Let's keep that full head of steam in the boiler and be on the train as it begins to move along the track.

Point of Confusion

One of the biggest points of confusion came as the Mission Service Corps concept was injected into the total picture upon the urging of President Jimmy Carter at the convention in Kansas City. The Mission Service Corps calls for 5,000 individuals, groups of churches or churches, to be

enlisted by 1982 to provide and fund 5,000 mission volunteers to serve for one or two years in the United States or elsewhere.

That sounds simple enough until one remembers that the original Bold Mission Thrust was an effort by the Home Mission Board to make a Christian witness available to every person in the nation by the end of this decade. To alleviate the confusion the Home Mission Board's title for its emphasis of Bold Mission Thrust was adopted to cover the entire Southern Baptist effort, the end of the decade deadline was relaxed to take in the Mission Service Corps input, and the Mission Service Corps concept was added into the Bold Mission Thrust as an integral part.

So now we have the single deadline of providing a Christian witness to everyone in the world by the end of the century, and the Mission Service Corps has been inaugurated as a part of the means to that end.

Perhaps confusion has not been eliminated altogether by recent actions; but, hopefully, there is now enough singleness of mind and spirit to go ahead and get the train under way. Originally the Home Mission Board had as a part of its goal providing a New Testament fellowship within reach of every person in the nation by the end of the decade. Not much, if anything, has been said about that in the latest discussions. Perhaps that particular aspect of the goal has been dropped.

Two Questions

Two questions seem to be uppermost in the minds of those who feel some hesitancy about endorsing Bold Mission Thrust, including the Mission Service Corps, with 100 percent backing.

One question concerns how much the funding of the Mission Service Corps volunteers will affect the Cooperative Program. Of course, there is no answer to that question except in the minds and hearts of supporters and contributors. The plea is that before financing the Mission Service Corps all commitments that would be expected for the Cooperative Program have been discharged. Certainly, this should be the case, or the broader and

continuing missions program could be damaged. Many say that volunteers returning will bring such enthusiasm for missions that the end effect will be greater support for the Cooperative Program.

The other question concerns how much the recruiting of volunteers for the Missions Service Corps will affect the Journeyman program of the Foreign Missions Board and the US-2 program of the Home Mission Board. Will we be competing with ourselves, some are asking.

Again, there is no answer; but surely these ongoing programs should not be hurt.

In 1975 Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer for the Mississippi Baptist Convention, wrote:

"Decade of Advance is a slogan being used to challenge each Mississippi Baptist and Mississippi Baptist church to give measured and regular increase to meet the urgent and pressing need in Mississippi and the world for which Christ has given us responsibility in His Word. It involves the total life and response of each church. It involves Sunday School, Church Training, WMU, Brotherhood, revivals, budgets, missions, camps and assemblies, youth and adults as well as preaching and praying.

"The state convention staff must assume its responsibility in assisting the associations and churches. The associations must accept their role of assisting the state convention and churches. The churches must assume their responsibility for cooperating with their associations and the state convention. Together, cooperatively, we move to strengthen our Baptist work and witness here and around the world."

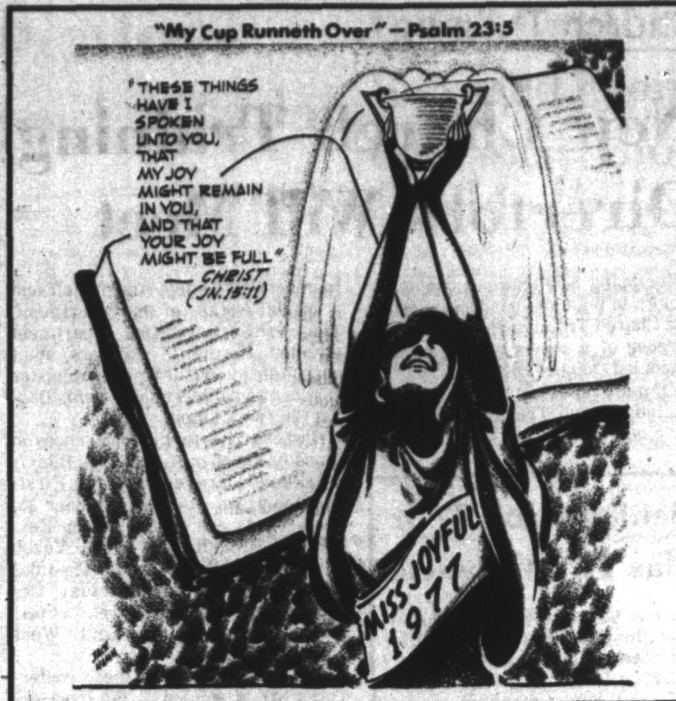
Our Decade of Advance goals include raising the level of per capita giving, increasing the percentage of offerings channeled through the Cooperative Program, involving people in mission projects beyond the state, developing a strong missions program in every association, developing a strategy for reaching and winning adults, and creating 100 new churches in fast growing areas of the state.

That sounds like Bold Mission Thrust.

Book Reviews

BREAKING COMMUNICATION BARRIERS WITH ROLEPLAY by Todd Pinkerton (John Knox, 125 pp., \$4.95) A simple, effective, and fun working aid for any adult leader interested in helping teens overcome barriers to solving their biggest problems. The approach presented is easy to master, provides instant, enjoyable, educational program material, and brings out the creativity of both leaders and participants.

I'M IN LOVE WITH A MARRIED MAN by H. S. Vigevano (Holman, 122 pp., \$3.45) Story is told in four such women's own words — women with strong spiritual roots who are caught up in a great conflict of emotions, will, and heart. The author takes the story one step further and shows how they resolved their dilemmas — discovering in their despair renewed faith in God.



Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

The book had a pink cover, but I can't remember the title. I just know it was the story of a man and woman who had a happy marriage in spite of a big difference in personalities and in likes and dislikes. She was an extrovert, always going to meetings. He liked to read and to work quietly in his garden. Neither tried to remake the other. Both happily pursued their own interests. Each let the other be a person. Still they were happy when they were together because they loved each other.

Last week W. D. and I celebrated our 22nd wedding anniversary by returning to Meridian, where we had spent our wedding night.

During dating days we had the greatest joy in just being together. If he asked, "Do you like football?" I would say "Yes." I went to games with him, but didn't let him know how little I knew — or cared — about football. He went swimming with me because I liked to swim. He never confessed that swimming made him break out in a rash. I asked if he liked to travel and he said "Sure." I'm certain now he had his fingers crossed. Anything to please each other.

After marriage we were not so careful about each other's feelings and we began to get a different picture.

To me, Thanksgiving was time for a family reunion and a turkey dinner. To

him it was time to go to deer camp.

When I wanted to go to a play or a concert he wanted to stay home.

I wanted to talk and he wanted to be quiet. I wanted him to hang up his clothes when he took them off. He wanted to hang them up tomorrow.

I wanted toast for breakfast, but he wanted homemade biscuits. When I cooked the biscuits I cooked them with resentment and not with love. I know that because one morning when I had made some that looked especially crusty brown and delicious, W. D. did not eat a single one as he was in a hurry to leave for work and I dumped the whole panful in the front seat of his car.

To him, fishing is the world's greatest pleasure. To me, reading is the greatest joy imaginable. I like to go fishing with him, and read while I fish. He has always been very nice about my reading (I think it's because I'm quiet when I'm reading!) But to read while trying to fish is a crime unthinkable! "If you are going to fish, then fish! If you are going to read, then lay down the pole and read! But don't try to do both at once!"

At first I was jealous of the time he spent fishing. Our work hours were so varied that our time together was limited. He would start packing his gear and I would start begging him not to go. Or if begging didn't help, I could

nag, or cry — or scream.

Then one day his mother gave me some good advice. She said, "Anne, don't keep trying to change him into someone he is not. Didn't you fall in love with him for the person he is? Then just accept him as he is, and love him."

"Interfering mother-in-law," was my first thought. Then I reconsidered. She was a dear, good woman and I realized she was right.

Naturally I didn't change overnight, but through the years I have tried to follow her advice. In return, W. D. has shown loving tolerance toward my peculiarities. He has been willing to let me be an individual, too. In learning to compromise we learned more about each other. And we have discovered that the more varied the interests in one family, the richer life can be.

Many couples have problems if there are differences in their social, educational, or religious backgrounds. Others have problems if there are NO differences in their backgrounds. But genuine loving concern, each for the other, can smooth the rough places.

Anna Mow in *The Secret of Married Love* said it better than I can: "Only giving-love can take two people out of different backgrounds and create a real union in which each personality is preserved and strengthened. Such a union of love is worth any cost."

In Apartments And On A Sailboat

God At Work In Hong Kong

By Earl Kelly

The four most beautiful harbors in the world according to many seasoned seamen are Rio de Janeiro, Hong Kong, Capetown, and San Francisco.

In point of time Hong Kong was last on the list for me to visit. My whirlwind tour of the Crown Colony had a spiritual impact as high as Hong Kong's Victoria Peak. Touring Kowloon and the new territories where one peeps across the "Bamboo Curtain" into mainland China gives one a glimpse of the real Orient. The variety of restaurants and shops are fascinating; the Chinese merchandise Emporium, which specializes in products made in the people's Republic of China; the numberless tailor shops making suits from expensive materials

produced on British looms; or ancient Chinese medicine shops where one can buy everything from powdered Rhinoceros horn to Bak Toong Pills — energy restorer for tired females.

A late afternoon tour of Victoria harbor by boat is an unforgettable experience. The passing teak sampans and Red Chinese junks make unforgettable silhouettes against a sunset on the South China Sea. It's difficult for the Westerner to conceive of teeming thousands of junk-dwelling people or the hundreds of thousands that live in the high-rise government resettlement projects along Hong Kong's shores. A visit to Aberdeen, where many of the Colony's 10,000 fishing boats dock is like taking a time machine back into the years. In one of Aberdeen's enormous floating re-

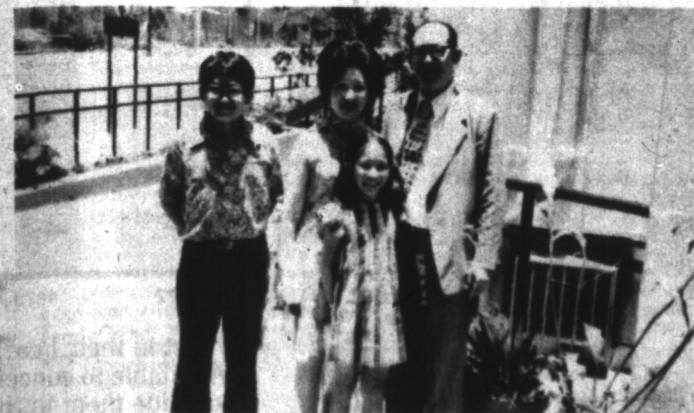
staurants' we awkwardly joined two Japanese businessmen, a couple from Australia, and a family from Mexico City in eating a sumptuous meal with chopsticks. The experience proved to be helpful when we hosted four missionary couples in a Chinese restaurant atop Victoria Peak the next night.

In this fascinating setting the "Pearl of Great Price" is being displayed. Baptist work was begun there by Lewis and Henrietta Shuck six years before Great Britain received the Colony from China by the Treaty of Nanking in 1842. The diaspora of Southern Baptist missionaries from China in 1948 led Southern Baptists to build on this old base. The foundation must have been carefully laid for today there are about 40 self-supporting churches, schools, a Baptist college, hospital, publication center, and a seminary there.

Dr. and Mrs. Jachin Chan, who formerly served as our Chinese missionaries in Vicksburg, and their children were our hosts in a Chinese restaurant for a Peking Duck Dinner following my Sunday morning sermon in the Kowloon Baptist Church, where Peyton Moore, a fellow Mississippian, serves as pastor. The Chans hope to enter Red China with the gospel.

I was met on the Hong Kong Island at the Star Ferry by James Hollis, a Seminary classmate, and we spent the afternoon touring the Baptist work of the Island. Our first visit was to a church that is called Shau Kei Wan (hand colander bay). In front of the church in Chinese there are the words on a cross that has been erected there "You Ought To Believe On The Lord Jesus." Within one block of that church there is a 26-story apartment building in which there are 80 apartments on each floor. No one knows how many people live in each of the apartments. The apartment house renters pay \$2 Hong Kong for each square foot of floor space per month.

A piece of land was originally given by a wealthy Chinese man for this particular church. When they got ready to draw up the plans for the church they found that a group of squatters had built huts upon the ground, and it would be necessary for the church to take each one of the squatters to court to get them removed. Instead this land was sold by this wealthy Chinese man to another person who removed the squatters. Then the present site was



Dr. and Mrs. Jachin Chan and children are seen on the grounds of Hong Kong Baptist College. He was formerly a Chinese missionary for the Mississippi Baptist Convention.



Pastor Peyton Moore, a Mississippian, stands outside the Kowloon Baptist Church.

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In New Mission Movement

State Papers Pivotal

By Jimmy R. Allen

President

Southern Baptist Convention

The President of the United States calls it "a quantum leap forward" for Southern Baptist missions.

The head of the Southern Baptist foreign mission movement calls it a "flag" signaling a new day in which God is going to empower Southern Baptist missions as never before.

All of us are sensing a stirring of God at the grass roots of our experience. The challenge to secure and support 5,000 additional missionaries in five years staggers all but the most hardy imaginations. It reflects, however, a vision which seems to be born in the heart of God; committed to the hands of Southern Baptist men and women, and intended to extend the reign of God. The idea emerging is for

churches and individuals to commit themselves to financial support of a person on a two-year commitment either in the United States or another country. The Mission Service Corps support is designed to be over and above increased Cooperative Program giving, increased Annie Armstrong Home Missions offerings, and increased Lottie Moon Foreign Missions offering. It can be personalized enough for the person or church to know who they're supporting and for contact to be maintained so that prayer support can be added to financial support.

The Mission Service Corps concept is a movement rather than a program. There is something exciting about an idea that has come to its day. The Mission Service Corps is such an idea. Born in the hearts of scores of people in the last decade is a desire for involvement in ministry and evangelism by all kinds of people in all kinds of places. Lay involvement in short term tasks has been going on both in domestic and international missions in increasing numbers. Now that seedbed of mission concern has burst into bloom. With the mandate commissions of the last two annual sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention, the time has come!

Movements are not as tidy as programs. Programs are born on planning boards of skilled planners. Deliberately and carefully they are constructed and include enlistment of every group or public to inspire each one in terms of their own motivation. Evaluation of results and realignment of program goals is efficiently done. Movements begin with the energy of new ideas popping up in all quarters. Crash meetings are held to figure out how to harness that energy — to ask each other what God is teaching us to do. Sometimes movements have to depend on affinity for the cause rather than careful enlistment of the public. Movement expeditors often miss im-

portant aspects which have to be called to their attention, but the end result of a movement is impact. The world is changed by them. Because the experience of God's leading His people called Baptists to unprecedented levels of service, sacrifice, and support is energizing us these days, we are in the midst of a movement. The need to communicate is not a luxury. It is an absolute necessity. The state Baptist papers and every other communication medium of Baptists should not be afterthoughts; they should be in the middle of the movement. Our people must know in order to pray, respond, suggest, support, share, weep, and laugh as God does wonders among us for we have not passed this way heretofore (Joshua 3:1-5).

Southern Baptists have developed magnificent communications systems. The state Baptist papers are foundational in informing, convincing, correcting, and sometimes inspiring Baptists to action. With a combined circulation of 1,773,426, these papers reach past barricades of apathy to eager searchers. They can trace for our people the steps in fashioning the Mission Service Corps. There can be a continuing communication of the experiences of those who respond to the challenge of new mission involvement. Communication is a key to the response to what God is doing. When people do not know, they cannot do.

There is a line in the story of God's stirring at Pentecost which is absolutely pivotal to this experience. It is often overlooked. Acts 2:6 says that after all the signs of God's new moving and power, "It was noised abroad and the multitudes came together. . . . Something had to be happening to be reported, but when it was happening, it was noised abroad."

It's happening among Southern Baptists. Let's be thankful that we have state Baptist papers to help us "noise it abroad" so that no one will be left out of what God is doing among us.

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Toxish To Celebrate 140th Anniversary

Members of Toxish Church, Pontotoc County, will observe the church's 140th birthday on October 9 when a new pastorium will be dedicated. Former members and pastors will return for a day-long reunion. Billy Davis is the pastor.

Paul Harwood, former pastor and now pastor of the Lyon Church, will bring a special message in the afternoon.

Toxish was organized in October 1837 when James A. Ware, a medical

doctor as well as an ordained minister, came from South Carolina to minister to the physical and spiritual man. He was pastor of the church for 30 years.

Since the beginning this church has been the mother of churches and ministers in the area and has held continuous services even during difficult times. The present brick building, dedicated in 1966, is the fourth, and contains a large auditorium, Sunday school rooms, nursery, fellowship hall, kitchen and baths.

Leonardo Goes To Church



Leonardo, Sally, and Chico

By Anne McWilliams

Leonardo, the lion, went to church the second Sunday in September. Leonardo, the puppet lion, that is. He and his puppet friends go every second Sunday to First Church, Crystal Springs, where they perform for the youngsters in Children's Church. Besides Leonardo, there are Ralph and Timmy and Chico and Rascal and Sally.

Jody Waggener went to church the second Sunday in September at First Church, Crystal Springs, too. He saw the puppets and he heard his father, Joe Waggener, talk about "God's Plan for Jesus." Jody's father is pastor of the Children's Church, and education director. At least 50 of Jody's friends were there, too. Some of them took up the offering. One played a piano solo. Some of them watched the Baptist Record photographer, instead of the puppets. All of them sang.

Shari and Jerry Gaddy were at Children's Church that day, too, though nobody would have guessed it, for they were invisible. And so were their fellow puppeteers, Mary Dell McCoy, Dianne Johnson, and Keith Howell. They were sitting on a thick pillow between the dark blue velvet curtain which is the foreground and the taller pink satin curtain which is the background for the puppet show. When it was time for the puppet show they did the work. They played the tape they had previously recorded, and they pantomimed the action. But the children, and the five adults in the audience, saw only the spotlighted puppets.

The puppets did a Today's Version of The Prodigal Son, with a lot of humor thrown in, but with the lessons of love and forgiveness still there. The script was written by Alan Dinehart and Alan Young of Puppet Productions, San Diego, Calif. Often, though, the script is one that was written by Jerry Gaddy, a Crystal Springs native: His wife, Shari, did not do a chalk talk on September 11, but she often does one as a prelude to a puppet performance. An artist, she was born in Illinois.

Others on the puppet team are Edna Crews and Joan Hammack.

Whether Jerry writes the scripts or



The father of the prodigal son, right, talks with the elder son.

God At Work

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given by the same man. After the church was completed the Hong Kong government learned it was going to have a parochial school and restored the larger amount of the money that had been paid for the lease. No one owns property in all of the Hong Kong Island. The property is owned by the colony and is usually leased for 75 years. The amount of money that was restored by the Hong Kong colony was sufficient to buy the furniture for the new church. With 100,000 people surrounding this one church, Hong Kong Baptists consider the area church by this one building.

A group of the Baptists in Hong Kong learned that a group of Germans had built a Chinese junk out of rosewood,

teakwood, and other exotic oriental woods. The boat weighs 150 tons, is 89 feet long, and it contains a 250 HP Mercedes Benz engine. They already have a 50-foot foresail, which is 43 feet wide at the bottom. The National churches in Hong Kong were able to provide \$100,000 for its purchase, and it was purchased for \$180,000. All of this money has now been paid except \$10,000 American money. The boat will be used to reach the young people of the Hong Kong area in Witness Training and Christian Development.

Truly God is at work in the "Fragrant Harbor," and whether he is saving people in the overcrowded high-rise apartment complexes or aboard a Chinese junk on the South China Sea, he is allowing Mississippi Baptists to share in the work through the Cooperative Program.



We were at brunch with some friends the other Saturday. When I went to the coffee urn to serve coffee, I looked twice and said, "Hey, Betty, there's something unusual about your coffee urn. It has a golf tee in the top."

"Yes, it does." Then she explained how the part that filled the little hole on top let coffee bubble up and out, so Joe had chinked it with a golf tee.

Gene Stockstill was standing there and he said, "Wilda, you ought to be able to get a column out of that."

Then they discussed how in the world anyone could find something spiritual about a golf tee. I said I would try.

And I think I found something to think about.

Though it didn't match, and though it was on top of a coffee pot instead of a mound of dirt, that little golf tee was filling the need that Betty had that particular day. I am sure that by now Joe has bought a better-fitting top, and he probably has put the golf tee where he will enjoy it more, and where it will fill the original need for which it was made.

Don't you sometimes have the feeling that you might be like that golf tee, finding yourself in a situation where you never expected to be, helping out in some place you never expected to be needed? Haven't you been found handy to do a task that you were totally unprepared for, but somehow you came through and the task was finished in great fashion?

It isn't always that we must be prepared or expected or helpful, even. It's just that we must be available and willing to be used; however, that little golf tee couldn't talk back to Betty the way I sometimes talk back to God about being used to fill a need He has.

I'm just sorry the tee doesn't have feelings, so that it could know the sense of worth you and I feel after we have let the Lord use us, especially those times when we really hadn't expected or thought we could fill a need. And the sense of being cared for when He uses someone else to fill needs we have.



Van Winkle, Raymond Road Are Winners

Men from Van Winkle Church, Jackson, are winners of the Men's Mississippi Baptist Softball Tournament. A total of 67 teams entered the tournament. The State Tournament is sponsored each year by the Hinds-Madison Baptist Association and was held in Jackson on August 20.



Women from Raymond Road Baptist Church in Jackson were winners of the Mississippi Baptist Women's softball tournament held in Jackson.

Pollard To Accompany TV Crews To Israel

Business and pleasure — mostly business that will be pleasurable — will be combined in late November when production crews from the Radio and Television Commission travel to Israel.

Frank Pollard, pastor, First Church, Jackson, and Charles G. Fuller, pastor, First Church, Roanoke, Va., will accompany these crews to record for "The Baptist Hour" and "Listen" respectively.

Pollard's sermons for "The Baptist Hour" on sites and situations mentioned in the Bible are part of the Commission's efforts to broaden the scope of its flagship program.

Fuller will record three programs for "Listen," the Commission's 15-minute television documentary series on the world we live in.

The production crews and tour members will spend most of their time in Jerusalem, Tiberias, Galilee, and Tel Aviv.

The two-week tour leaves New York November 29 and returns to New York December 13.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

P. O. Gibson, Sr. died in a Montgomery, Alabama hospital on Thursday, September 22. He was 78. Gibson was principal of Waverly, Alabama schools for several years before moving to the Mississippi Delta where he was engaged in business and farming operations and retired in 1962 after 36 years with the U. S. Postal Service. An active Baptist layman all his life, he had served as deacon of the Ridgecrest Church in Jackson and as chairman of the deacons of First Church Belzoni. He also had served on the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Chester Mopus of Chesterfield, South Carolina, his pastor of 22 years in Belzoni, conducted the service September 24th, assisted by his current pastor, David Cranford of Southern Hills Church, Jackson. Survivors include his wife, Stella Lunsford Gibson, Jackson; two sons, P. O. Gibson, Jr. and Rodney C. Gibson, both of Jackson; four grandchildren.

Souenlove Church members honored their pastor, Parker Chancellor, his wife, and daughter Cindy, with a surprise supper Sept. 11. The occasion marked the Chancellors' five years of service to the church and community. Harmon Sanders, chairman of deacons, presented from the church an engraved silver tray and a money gift, as a token of appreciation. Under Chancellor's leadership a new church building at Souenlove has replaced a nearly 100-year-old structure, and is now debt free. One has been licensed to preach and is now an ordained minister.

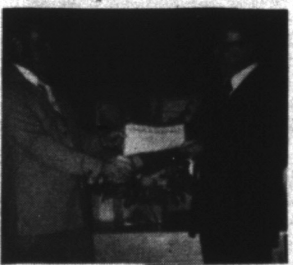
Harold and Joyce Watson, missionaries to the Philippines, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: P. O. Box 94, Davao, Philippines). He is a native of Brooklyn, Miss.

Jack Lyall, head of the music department of Mississippi College, is one of the six top musicians on tap to lead the 17th annual Church Music Institute Oct. 24-28 at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. The institute will include lectures, choral reading sessions, workshops, and recitals. Further information is available from Maurice Hinson, coordinator of the Church Music Institute, Southern Seminary, 2825 Lexington Rd., Louisville, Ky. 40206.

Mark Smith, a 24-year-old Oklahoma native, has been named public relations associate at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.



Bud Reeves was recently ordained by Fellowship Church, Tippah County. He has accepted the pastorate of Palestine Church, Union County. Left to right above are Roy Marshall who delivered the charge to the church at the ordination service; Reeves; Neal Clark, who brought the charge to the candidate; and Dwight Masengill, Fellowship pastor, who preached the ordination sermon. Reeves will be a sophomore at Blue Mountain in January.



Dwain Ard, left, was licensed to the gospel ministry Sept. 4 by the Valley Grove Church, Pontotoc County. Cecil Stepp, pastor, right, presented the license. Ard is available for service as he is needed. He lives at Route 3, Tupelo 38801 (phone 842-6911).



Lendell Ainsworth and his family were given a color television by the Bethany Church (Jeff Davis) on the occasion of his second anniversary as pastor. Pictured are Brian, Ainsworth, and Mrs. Ainsworth. Their oldest son Len was not present.

William and Patricia Roberts, missionaries to Japan, may be addressed at 17-6-B 1-Chome Shinkawa-cho, Higashikurumeshi, Tokyo 180-03 Japan. He is a native of Trussville, Ala., and she is from Cleveland, Miss.

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Just For The Record



PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH, BROOKHAVEN, recently broke ground for a multi-purpose building. The building will include a fellowship and recreational area with a fireplace, educational rooms, kitchen, and covered walkway. Left to right: Herschel Adams, General Contractor; Keith Mullen, Jamie Byrd, Sam Laird, Building Committee; Vernon Smith, Oldest Member and Amy Herring, youngest member; Jeanette Newell, William Byrd, Johnnie Jackson, and Hezekiah Posey, Finance Committee. Not pictured are Versie Rushing and Roland Thornton, Building Committee; and Julian White, Finance Committee. Gerald Aultman is the Pastor.



Members of First Church, Quitman have given their pastor a check for an all expenses-paid trip to the Holy Land. Jim Blair, chairman of deacons, above, presented Pastor and Mrs. Ed North the check on Sunday, Sept. 11. Blair called an extraordinary business session on that Sunday morning and Tally Riddell read a resolution that the congregation had adopted. The resolution paid tribute to the pastor and his wife for their commitment to the work of the church and expressed the love of the people for them. Particular gratitude was expressed for the pastor's leadership in the construction of a complete new church plant. The check represented voluntary love gifts from the members. The pastor was so overwhelmed by the unexpected event that it was recorded in the minutes: "This was the first time the church had seen, observed or heard Bro. Ed at a loss for words."

Clear Branch Church, Rankin County, will have annual homecoming day on Sunday, Oct. 9. Barney Walker will bring the 11 a.m. message. Lunch will be served at the church, followed by singing and fellowship in the afternoon. Sunday School will begin at 10 a.m. The day's offering will go for the upkeep of the cemetery. Roger Lee is the pastor.

Bethel Church, Jones County, will observe homecoming Oct. 9. Russell Cottingham, a former pastor, will bring the morning message. Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall. The afternoon service will begin at 1 with the pastor, Jimmy Collins, bringing the message. Special music will be presented by the Gospel Messengers.

Macedonia Church, Brookhaven observed Loyalty and Promotion Sunday on September 25. A goal of \$25 was set for Sunday School and 380 people came. Melnee Williams, Miss Mississippi National Teenager, special guest, sang and gave her testimony. A special offering was taken to purchase pew cushions and \$5,000.00 was collected in less than 30 minutes. The amount was more than enough to cover the cost of the cushions. A new Sunday School class was started by the pastor Don Nerren, with 43 new people in attendance. A picture was taken of the entire church family; dinner was served on the ground.

Oak Grove Church, Holmes County, will observe homecoming day on Oct. 9. Walter E. Hines, Jr., former pastor, now pastor of Bowlin Church, Attala County, will preach at the 11 a.m. service. Dinner will be served at the church, followed by singing in the afternoon. James H. Burrell is pastor.

Saltillo Church, Lee County, will observe homecoming day, October 16, from 9:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a fellowship dinner and other activities after the morning worship service. Rex Yancey is the pastor.

Blue Lake Church at Lambert will have "Homecoming Sunday" on October 9. Special activities will include lunch, and a special service at 1:30 p.m. with the Deep South Boys, from Jackson giving a concert. The morning message will be preached by Bobby Holland, a former pastor at Blue Lake. Paul Blanchard is the pastor.

Liverpool To Mark 104th Anniversary

Liverpool Church, Yazoo County, will begin its revival by observing the 104th anniversary of the church on Sunday, October 9. The worship service at 11 a.m. will be followed by a covered basket dinner on the grounds and an afternoon worship service at 1:15.

Services will be held October 10, 11, and 12 at 7:30 p.m. Robert I. Martin, who was pastor at Liverpool for many years, will be the evangelist.

Revival Dates

"...Was Blind But Now I See"

These words from "Amazing Grace" describe the miracle that God performed in the life of Jerry D. Moore, evangelist who will be preaching in revival at Southside Church, Jackson, October 9-14. Moore was blind from the ages of 8 to 18. Doctor after doctor sought a cure for ten years but to no avail. Then God intervened and did the impossible. A graduate of the Alabama School for the Blind; Samford University; and Southwestern Seminary, Moore has had 16 years of experience in pastoring and music

ministries, and is now beginning his seventh year in evangelism.

The music will be under the direction of Hubert Greer, music evangelist, a native of south Mississippi.

Fred Fowler, pastor, said that the services will be held Monday through Friday, at 12 noon and at 7 p.m. At the noon services lunch will be served. Sunday services will include a Men's Prayer Breakfast at 7 a.m. and preaching at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

First, Yazoo City: Oct. 9-14; Bill Causey, pastor, Parkway, Jackson, evangelist; Rick Carter, instructor of vocal music, Holmes Junior College, Goodman, guest musician; James F. Yates, pastor; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; during week at 7:30 p.m.

Tchula Church: Oct. 14-16; Landrum Leavell, president of New Orleans Seminary, evangelist; Alan Kilgore, pastor; services Oct. 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 16 at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

First Church, Columbus: Oct. 9-14; city-wide Bible conference with Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue, Memphis, to be at First Church, Columbus; Jim Whitmore, musician; subject: "What the Bible is All About"; services at 7 nightly; noon services with lunch in the fellowship hall; Joe McKeever, pastor.

Staff Changes

William T. Pruitt has assumed the duties of pastor at First Church, Picayune. Pruitt goes from Calvary,

Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where he served as associate pastor. In previous years, he has served churches in Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana.

A native of Alabama, Pruitt is a graduate of Samford University, Birmingham, and New Orleans Seminary, where he earned the Master of Theology and Doctor of Ministry degrees. He is married to the former Judith Glaze. The Pruitts have two children, Bill and Rebecca.

Harold G. Wilson resigned as pastor of Union Church, Walthall County, September 30, to attend New Orleans Seminary full-time. For supply preaching he may be contacted at 4080-2 Lipsey, New Orleans, La. 70126.

Dick Robertson is the new minister of music at Harrisburg Church, Tupelo, Bob Hamblin, pastor. He began work there on Oct. 1.

Devotional

The Indispensable Virtue

By Ralph Kelly, Pastor, Green's Creek, Petal

And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams (1 Sam. 15:22).

According to the Bible there is a difference between hearing, hearing, and hearing. There is the hearing of mere sounds in the air, there is the hearing with the understanding added, and there is the hearing with the understanding and obedience added. The latter is the Biblical sense of hearing.

For a long time the missionaries of Africa did not have a word for obedience—a virtue natives do not have. One day as the missionary was leaving the village his dog stayed behind. Upon looking back, the missionary whistled and the dog came running at top speed. An old native observing this said in admiration, "Mui adem delegave go." Literally translated is "dog yours ear is only." Put in smooth English it comes out, "Your dog is all ears." This is obedience—to be all ears!

Saul had a hearing problem in the Bible sense of the word and therefore he was disobedient. Samuel was telling him so in the above verse. Later, this theme of obedience rather than sacrifice became the cry of the prophets and even of Jesus.

An important teaching here is that disobedience is the cardinal sin. It cuts at the root of all authority. It makes man a worshipper of himself rather than a worshipper of God. It sows seeds of evil which when taken root separate man from God. (Pulpit Commentary "Samuel," p. 274). To sum it all up, disobedience shakes a puny rebellious fist in the face of a holy God!

There is also the solemn fact that there is punishment for disobedience. Punishment is the appropriate fruit that grows on the tree of disobedience.

Knowing is not doing. United Press reported that termites have eaten through a large stack of pamphlets entitled "Control of Termites" in the mail room of the University of California. One would think that such a center of knowledge would not have termite problems. Here is the vast difference in knowing and doing.

Jesus said, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if you do them." The indispensable virtue is OBEDIENCE.

Sunday School Lesson: International For October 9

Hearing And Doing

By W. J. Fallis

Luke 6:43-49; 8:4-21; James 1:22-27
A mile from Hope, Arkansas, is the only government-funded overnight migrant rest stop in the United States.

In nine months of 1975, 41,000 migrants spent some time in that center on their way to or from short-term harvest jobs. Across the highway is the Migrant Mission Center, sponsored by Southern Baptists and directed by Bob Gross. It is a haven for people in need of relaxation, clothing, or a chance to talk about problems. "We offer first aid, Kool-

aid, and spiritual aid," says Gross. Most of the visitors receive a verbal Christian witness before they leave. One of the center workers says it gives migrants a chance "to see that all Anglos don't discriminate." It is a shining case of doing in Christ's name.

The Lesson Explained A Tree Is Known By Its Fruit (Luke 6:43-45)

In Matthew the verses parallel to these follow a warning about false prophets (7:16-18). Here the key thought is the first sentence in verse 44; everything else illustrates that truth. Nature is consistent. A tree that is known to produce good, useful fruit will do that year after year. In the same way, the bad tree will bear bad

fruit. So, men know better than to look for tasty figs on thornbushes or luscious grapes in bramble bushes. In every case, the fruit proves the character of the plant. Human nature is quite similar. No matter how a person looks, his goodness shows up in the way he acts. That is the "treasure" he brings from his heart, the center of his being. In the same way, the person who is essentially bad will be revealed in what he says and does. No disguise can hide that influence, whether good or bad.

A Rock Foundation Will Last (Luke 6:46-49)

The idea of sincerity or integrity in the previous verses flowed naturally into Jesus' questions in verse 46. He

had heard people speak to him with unusual respect, using the word *lord* to acknowledge his authority. But that was as far as they went; they did not accept his authority enough to obey his commands. A true disciple is one who listens to his teacher and then acts upon what he has heard.

To illustrate his point, Jesus told a brief parable. The disciple who listened and acted was like a man who digs deeply to anchor his house on a rock foundation. That house withstood the rising waters and swirling current. The disciple who listened but did not act was like the man who laid his skills on the ground "without a foundation." When the storm broke, the angry waters washed out the earth at the base of the walls. First one and then another tilted and collapsed. The rock foundation was the difference, and it represented living by Jesus' pattern.

Doers Make Up Christ's Family (Luke 8:19-21)

When this incident occurred, Jesus had become a very effective and popular teacher and healer throughout Galilee. He had even called back to life a young man in Nain. Instead of Jesus' family being with him, they came to

see him, but they could not get through the crowd. When someone told Jesus they wanted to see him, he gave a strange response. Some interpreters feel that he was renouncing family ties as he would later expect his followers to do. That may be part of it.

But Jesus was saying that his family had become larger than the Nazareth household. As he tried to build a community based on love that exceeded the loyalty of blood and nationality, he claimed as brothers those who "hear the word of God, and do it." So, the hero-worshippers and hangers-on were not included; only disciples who responded to what he said and tried to put it into practice were in his family. Listening is not enough, nor is calling him Lord; sonship is proved only in the way we live.

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Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work For October 9

A Pattern For Witnesses

By Bill Duncan, Long Beach, First (John 1:19-37)

Every man must discover Jesus Christ for himself and then interpret Christ for others. We interpret what Jesus did and said by reading the Bible and seeking divine guidance. When Jesus Christ becomes a personal discovery, it adds new meaning to life and it brings Christ down into our world.

The first unit deals with three persons who met Jesus and what happened to their lives. They are three different kinds of witnesses to Jesus. From their witness we see in three different ways the greatness and the uniqueness of Jesus.

The testimony of John the Baptist is given as the first witness. He stood as a threat to the traditional religious leaders of his time. When the priest and Levites asked him who he was, he declared, "I am not the Christ." Many people were wondering if John were the Messiah. In no uncertain terms he set them straight. There had been many messianic pretenders, but John the Baptist would not be one of them.

When the delegation continued to ask who he was, John the Baptist responded in a tremendous testimony. He revealed a high concept of the Christ and the role laid out by God for him. He was the voice of one crying in the wilderness. He was not an echo of tradition, but a vigorous voice of revelation. He announced glad tidings that a new day had dawned. He was the forerunner out preparing the people for the Kings of King. His task was calling men to remove the barriers and make possible the way for the Christ.

John is the great example of the man prepared to obliterate himself in order that Jesus Christ may be seen. He was only a finger-pointing to Christ. God had given him the grace to forget himself and to share Christ. He would have considered the privilege of untying Jesus' sandals a high honor. This was a slave's task. He was saying that, "The one who is coming after me is so much greater than I am that I am not worthy to be his slave."

The one function of a witness is to point men to Jesus. John was nothing and Christ was everything. He claimed no greatness and no place for himself. He drew back the curtain and left Jesus occupying the lonely center of the stage. "Behold the lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the

world." The prophecy had predicted the role of sacrifice which the Messiah would make. Of course, John had in mind the Passover Lamb and the atonement for sin. This descriptive picture described the costly mission to redeem a lost humanity.

As an undisputed authority, John the Baptist said, "This is the Son of God." His testimony was without reservation or doubt. This identity was shown in the visit of the Spirit, "descending from heaven like a dove...and remaining on Him."

The pattern of witnessing is shown in the life of John the Baptist. A true witness magnifies Jesus Christ, not himself. When one begins to share his faith in Jesus he realizes the purposes and privilege of witnessing. As witnesses we need to show love to the people to whom we are witnessing.

No one is totally prepared to witness for Christ. We all have our limitations. Witnessing is primarily one starving man telling another hungry man where to find food. Fear is normal and can be controlled and used to great advantage. Each witnessing encounter is different so it can never be old hat. The greatest thought that helps me to witness is to know that God is already at work in the lives of those to whom He is sending us.

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